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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAE, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, George Street, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BAILEY, HENRY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.
NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—SUCATO, QUINCH & CAMPBELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & CO., FROST, HEDGE & CO., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, MANIL, C. HENNING & CO., Macao, L. A. DA GRACA.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 600,000 Dollars.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOFFITZ, Esq.
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Hongkong... THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Manager.

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Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL, \$800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £10,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONG-KONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. WILHELM CARL ENGEL-BRECHT VON PUSTAU, Junior, and Mr. CONRAD MUNROE DONNELL, have been admitted Partners in our Firm from the First of January, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.,
Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai,
Hongkong, April 16, 1877. jy16

NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr. EDWARD SHEPPARD and Mr. M. W. GREEN, are authorized to sign the name of our Firm per Procurator at Foochow, and Mr. F. F. ELLSWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL & Co.,
China, June 1, 1877. del

NOTICE.

MR. F. C. DITTMER is authorized to sign our Firm per Procurator.

SANDER & Co.

Hongkong, June 23, 1877.

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIE will conduct the business of my Office, during my temporary absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Offices,
and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, March 17, 1877. g18

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. R. MOSS and Mr. H. JOHNSTON have this Day been ADMITTED PARTNERS in the Firm of THOS. HOWARD & CO., Merchants, London and Hongkong.

THOS. HOWARD & CO.,
Hongkong, July 9, 1877. jy23

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been Appointed AGENT at this Port for THE POSITIVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

W. H. NOTLEY,
Hongkong, June 6, 1877.

NOTICE.

B Y Mutual Consent, the Firm of F. FREERKS, RODATZ & CO. has been DISSOLVED on this Day.

F. FREERKS,
G. C. F. RODATZ,
Hongkong, June 30, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, Establishing themselves This Day as SHIPCHANDLERS and GENERAL STOREKEEPERS under the Style and Firm of RODATZ & CO., have taken over the Business of the late Firm of FREERKS, RODATZ & CO.

G. C. F. RODATZ,
C. KOCH,
Hongkong, July 2, 1877. au2

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as SHIPBROKER.

ROBERT DROSS,
Hongkong, June 25, 1877. jy21

NOTICE.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY.

the 13th July, 1877, at Noon.—KEROSENE CHANDELIERS, Silk Umbrellas, Linen Handkerchiefs, Black Merino, Cotton Stockings, Purse, Cigar Cases, Albums, Needles, Brass and Iron Padlocks, Shovels, Hammers, Tin Ware, and Sundry Ironmongery Goods.

Manila Rope, Wax Candles, &c.
10 casks Each 4 Dozen Bottled Beer, by E. Johnson & Co., Liverpool, Hams, Cheese, Sardines.

An Invoice of Inosite Jewelry, Coral and Lapis Ear-rings, Brooches, Necklaces, Crosses, and Bracelets.

&c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, July 11, 1877. jy13

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Mr. J. McDONALD, to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 24th day of July, 1877, at 11 o'clock a.m., at the West Point Patent Slip.—

The whole of the STOCK-IN-TRADE, comprising:—

1 Large Self-acting Circular Saw, with Planing Machine attached; Macdonald & Co., makers.

1 General Joiner, with Tools; Macdonald & Co., makers.

1 Saw Sharpener.

1 Shaving and Pulleys.

1 Treenail Turning Machine.

Hydraulic Pumpa, Jack Screws.

1 Diving Dress.

Rubber and Rubber Belting.

Taff, Bellows, Drills.

Assorted Iron (Govan Best).

Steel, Copper Plates, Yellow Metal Rods, Tubes, Taps and Dies, Anvils.

Assorted Chains, Blacksmith's Tools, Moulding Sand.

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

R. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 11, 1877. jy24

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be Held at the Hongkong Hotel on WEDNESDAY, the 26th Inst., at 4 o'clock p.m.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, July 11, 1877. jy13

Intimations.

DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL,

SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVoe MANUFACTURING CO.,

50 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets,

NEW YORK, U.S.A.

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CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRYS, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,

Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 18, 1877. jy21

NOTICE.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 3, 1877. jy25

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th day of July instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA,

Secretary.

Hongkong, July 10, 1877. au10

DENTAL NOTICE.

ON and after the 26th of May, Dr. R. STOUTS Consulting and Operating ROOMS will be on the Ground Floor of the HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS.

Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs.

DAVID M. HENDERSON,

Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs,

Engineer's Office,

Shanghai, June 26, 1877.

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Intimations.

DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL,

SAFE!!

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For Sale.

AERATED WATERS,
IN
GODD'S PATENT GLASS STOP-
PERED BOTTLES.

FROM the 1st July, the Price of all kinds of **AERATED WATERS** will be only

FORTY CENTS Per Dozen.

SARSAPARILLA WATER,
75 Cents per Dozen.

ED. OCHASTEL,
2, Wyndham Street, opposite the HONGKONG CLUB.

Hongkong, June 30, 1877.

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FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s
Celebrated

Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 22, 1877.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I., A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS AND A HALF.

To be had from MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MESSRS KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

Notices to Consignees

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Atalanta, PETERSEN, Master, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Under-signed and stored in their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 4 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1877.

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FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Lorn having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored by the Undersigned in their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Japan, unless notice to the contrary is given before 10 a.m. on Monday, the 9th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 7, 1877.

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FROM YOKOHAMA, HIOGO AND NAGASAKI.

THE S. S. Elgin having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading for counter-signature to the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 7, 1877.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. P. E. I. H. O.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Indus*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, at 11 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Cargo remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 14th Instant, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. du POURY, Agent.

Hongkong, July 9, 1877.

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INCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by Steamship, *Gaelic*, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at West Point, from whence delivery can be obtained upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Cargo remaining unclaimed after the 15th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, July 10, 1877.

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BRITISH BARK *ENID*, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 7, 1877.

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Intimations.

K WONG HING CHEUNG & Co., COAL MERCHANTS,

Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices.

Mr ARYON has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr FAR JACK, at 30, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 19, 1877.

DEPARTURES.

July 12, St. Anne, for Newchwang.
12, Fleetwing, for New York.
12, E. M. Young, for Amoy.

CLEARED.

Adela, for Newchwang.
41, for Keelung.
Flintshire, for Saigon.

ARRIVED.

Per *Cathay*, from Shanghai: for Southamptown, Mr J. Russell; for Venice, Mr A. Wylie; for Hongkong, Messrs J. Chalmers, and A. C. Wylie, Mines Clark and Edison, 30 Chinse, 1 European deck.

Per *Norna*, from Swatow, 150 Chinese.

Per St. Joseph, from Bangkok, 4 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Fleetwing, for New York, 1 European.

TO DEPART.

Per *Adela*, for Newchwang, 20 Chinese.

Per Flintshire, for Saigon, 180 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Norna* reports:

Light S.W. winds and fine weather.

The Chinese brig *Fochow* reports: Fresh monsoon as far as Maccheddick Bank, thence to port light variable winds and fine weather.

The British steamer *Cathay* reports: Fine weather throughout the passage.

The German barque *Talos* reports: Fresh monsoon and fine weather, latter part light breeze and occasional squalls.

The British ship *Sydenham* reports: Left the Docks at 10 a.m. of the 4th April, wind fresh from the westward; at 1 a.m. east of the tug-boat at Lundy Island. A Gale commenced to blow from the S.W., which continued until the 9th, ship being in lat. 48° 07' N. and long. 11,50 W. Then to Madeira had variable winds, passing the Island on the 16th; to Cape de Verdes in light N.E. trades, losing the trades in 7th N. then to the Equator had light variable winds. Crossed the Equator in 24° West, 31 days out, and from there to 23° S. had moderate S.E. trade winds. Passing the Meridian of Greenwich in 34° S. were 51 days out; thence to St. Paul's Island had moderate winds with fine weather. Passed St. Paul's on June 11th, 67 days out. Thence to Anjer strong S.E. trades; passed Anjer June 23th, 82 days out; from thence to port had light South and S. Easterly winds with threatening weather. Made passage from London in 98 days.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:

For *Holhow*.

Per *Penedo*, at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 13th inst.

For *Swatow*.

Per *Norna*, at 8.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 14th inst.

For *STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND CALCUTTA*.

Per *Venice* and *Arreton* April 1st, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 14th inst.

For *Yokohama*.

Per *Lotus*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 14th inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet *Cathay* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 14th Inst.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:

Friday, 13th Inst.

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 14th Inst.

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed).

Hongkong, July 12, 1877.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF PEKING will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 27th Instant, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsu Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 26th instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Concular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For security's sake, Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 3, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 12, 1877.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

July 11, *Sydenham*, British ship, 1068, Alex. Miller, Cardiff April 4, Coal.

MESSENGERS MARITIMES.

July 11, 9.30 p.m., *Norna*, Brit. steamer, 608, A. G. Walker, Swatow July 10, General.

KWOK ACHONG.

July 11, 7.15 p.m., *Fochow*, Siamese brig, 300, Hochreiter, Bangkok June 28, General.

CHINESE.

July 12, *Cathay*, British steamer, 1884, E. T. Dundas, Shanghai July 8, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

July 12, *Perth Choi Kai*, Chinese R. C., from a Cruiser.

conducive to the local trade, the Government should guarantee and give facilities to the establishment of a branch of the *Banco Ultramarino*.

"We have much confidence in the energy and aptitude of the present Governor. The reforms lately introduced by him in the policy of Macao have been most beneficial. The thieves that infested the neighbourhood have abandoned their field to seek new pastures elsewhere. The inner harbour is watched now by six steam-launches, instead of the clumsy boats of yore, and one is constantly kept at Taipa and Praia Grande, while the highway is kept in perfect security by mounted policemen. If the Macaoese will only give their support to our Governor we are confident that a better future is in store for Macao."

"There are still many important reforms in contemplation, and among these we hope that the tonnage dues of 20 cents a ton for vessels entering the port may be abolished without disadvantage to the public coffers.

"Why a duty on the vendors of 'refreshment' is not yet levied, we are at a loss to understand. Drinks of every degree of alcoholic strength may at present be obtained from any shopkeepers and washermen throughout the town, and from any *tin-tin*, coblers, undertakers, and *cota-suzi* in the outkirts, at 25 to 40 cash a glass, and, as may be imagined, a horribly poisonous mixture, in the composition of which *tobacco-chinchew*, and *sin-ho-fu*, are the principal ingredients, is supplied chiefly to the soldiers and marines; hence the accumulation of patients in the wards of the military hospital, many of whom are suffering from diseases unknown in the sanitary catalogue. It is high time for us to take some lessons from the English and the Dutch in the art of governing colonies, and turning their resources to our advantage.

"Another step in the right direction will be a representation to the Mother-country to remove from us the burden of Timor. Why should we, with such scanty means at our disposal, support the lazy mongrels of Timor? It is a thing that we could never understand. Instead of sending every year building materials, tools, and above all patates to Timor, we ought to employ the money more profitably in supplying soups daily to the mendicants that throng our streets every hour of the day with half-starved children.

"Timor, under the administration of Sr. Hugo, has rapidly improved in every branch of its industry. All the unscrupulous parasites having been done away with by His Excellency's uprightness, the Customs revenue rose 50 per centum.

In 1873 it amounts to 67,607 rupees
" 1874-75 " 85,820
" 1875-76 " 126,045
representing a commercial movement of 2½ millions of florins.

"If the present Governor has not the ability or the integrity of his predecessor, why, let him follow in the footsteps of Senhor Lopez de Lima, but for goodness' sake let us remain in peace."

Police Intelligence.

(Before James Russell, Esq.)

July 12, 1877.

RETURNING FROM DEPORTATION.

Ching Atuk, a hawker, was charged with having returned from deportation. He was deported on the 18th April last and was found in Hongkong again this day. He was committed for trial.

STOLEN GOODS.

Chan Achow, a hawker, was charged by P.C. George Barker, No. 74, with receiving a basket of rice stolen from the S.S. *Flinshire*. The Constable was proceeding to a steam-launch, when he saw a junk lying alongside the *Flinshire*. The prisoner was in a sampan alongside the junk. Two men in the latter vessel handed the prisoner a basket of rice. The Constable jumped in to seize the prisoner, but he got hold of the policeman. A struggle ensued, in the course of which the rice was thrown into the water. The prisoner was secured, but the other two men belonging to the junk had escaped. Joseph Wright, boatswain on board the S.S. *Flinshire*, stated that the ship had a cargo of rice from Saigon consigned to a Chinese Hong. The junk alongside was putting cargo into the *Flinshire* for Saigon. She was taking in crockery ware and a general cargo. The defendant said the rice he had was only the sweeping which the Captain did not want. The defendant was sent to 21 days' imprisonment with hard labour.

LARCENY.

James MacDonald, a seaman unemployed now boarding at the "Home," was charged with stealing a silver watch and chain from one Edward Engenbrethen, a fellow-boarder at the "Home." The complainant was drunk and lay down. When he awoke, he missed the articles. They were afterwards recovered by the Police.—P.C. Bragg proved the recovery of the watch from a Chinese jeweller, who bought it from the defendant. The defendant, who admitted the theft, was sent to one month's hard labour.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Wong Asing, a seaman, was found in possession of a piece of span-wood, for which he could not account. Fined 10 shillings, or 7 days' imprisonment.

DETENTION.

John Pedro and Francisco Raffat, seamen American ship *Nimbus*, were brought up for being deserters. They went to the Police Station and asked to see the Magistrate. They admitted that they belonged to the *Nimbus*. There were descriptive returns out against them. The prisoners said they were badly treated and would not go on board again. Remanded till the 13th.

A DÉTINTE.

Henry Troze, a seaman unemployed, was charged with being a détent. He gave himself up at the station. Remanded till the 14th inst.

SUPREME COURT. IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Mr Justice Snowden.)

July 12, 1877.

Walkinshaw and others v. The Borneo Company, \$540—This case was resumed to-day.

Mr T. G. Linstead was called for the defence:—I am a merchant here and am also agent for several properties here. I have been a house agent for the last nine years, but I have had the management in a lesser way for nearly 20 years. In the absence of agreement, the tenancy of a house is a monthly one. I have made special agree-

ments. (Letter of 6th March 1875 put into his hand) I have made agreements for six months and twelve months certain, and when a tenant holds over, the tenancy after the expiration of the term, in the absence of any further special agreement, becomes a monthly one.

By Mr Brereton:—When I say that the tenancy after the termination of a special term becomes a monthly one, I do so from my personal experience only. I do not know whether the custom is universal.

Mr Arthur Cheyne was next called:—I am an assistant at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. The firm has a great deal of house property to manage, and I am in charge of the management of some of the property, have been so for five years. The usual tenancy here is monthly. If a special period is fixed and the tenant holds over, the continued tenancy is a monthly one.

By Mr Brereton:—I speak from my own personal experience only. I do not know whether the custom is universal.

Mr Thos. Algar was called:—I have been residing here for 17 years and have been a house agent for 7 years. The customary tenancy here is monthly, unless there is a special agreement. I have made agreements of that kind sometimes, generally for twelve months. When a tenant holds over, the tenancy becomes a monthly one.

By Mr Brereton:—I am speaking so far as the houses I have to do with. I cannot say if it is the universal custom here.

Mr Nicasie was recalled to produce Mr Syrie's letter of repudiation. Another letter of Mr Syrie's was also put in, in which he claimed three months' notice.

Mr Brereton said he had a gentleman who was to have been here to speak to the custom of house-letting in the Colony, but he had not come. He had however, sent for him, meantime Mr Johnson might go on with the summing up of his case.

Mr Johnson then said that, after the evidence he had called, he would submit that it could not be pretended that a yearly tenancy existed. Such a thing was not known, and even when a tenant held over after the expiration of a term agreed upon, it was only a monthly tenancy.

In the present case the receipts for rents did not say anything about the payments being quarterly but only for three months ending such and such a month. The word month ran right through the receipt. This showed that the plaintiff never contemplated a yearly tenancy, and nothing was said about it when Mr Nicasie gave notice to quit. All that was claimed then was three months' notice or three months' rent. The question, therefore, was only tenancy of three months or one month and not of a year, and he submitted that the claim of a yearly tenancy was only an after-thought. Addressing himself on the evidence, he said it had been proved that the tenancy was a monthly one. As to the custom prevailing here three witnesses were produced, and more could have been brought here, only it was thought that three were enough. They all said the tenancy here was monthly, except by special agreement. Mr Johnson next quoted from Taylor on Evidence on the point of usage. As to Mr Brereton's statement that he would take out a fresh writ at the end of every three months, he said this when he found that he could not get over the point of three months' notice which the plaintiff claimed, while for a yearly tenancy, the notice should have been six months. Even if Mr Brereton's contention was correct, Mr Johnson urged that he was not entitled to take out a fresh writ every three months; he could only sue for damages for breach of contract. As to the question of costs, Mr Johnson would ask the Court to give him costs if it was decided that the tenancy was a monthly one, because the defendant had tendered the money and it was refused.

Mr Brereton said that he was quite prepared to meet that contention; and if it was decided by the Court that the tenancy was monthly, of course he could not expect to have his costs. From what the witness for the defence had stated, and after consideration, he would not tender any rebuttal evidence.

His Lordship asked for Mr MacCulloch's evidence, and he was accordingly sent for. Mr D. MacCulloch was called by the Court:—I remember calling on Mr Nicasie and asking him to show me the letter of agreement. He gave it to me and I took it back to him again. I showed it to Mr Syrie and spoke to him. I took it back to Mr Nicasie. I said to him that it was no business of mine personally and had to be fought out between themselves. I did not tell him that Mr Syrie was under a misapprehension. I could not have done so because Mr Syrie had not told me so.

Mr Brereton then summed up his case for the plaintiffs. He submitted that in the quotation from Taylor on Evidence, the usage there did not apply here, because a usage of trade was very different from custom in tenancy, and were such a usage admitted, it would revolutionise, as it were, the law relating to landlords and tenants. He contended that no custom had existed in regard to tenancy, the Colony having been in existence scarcely 45 years, was not old enough to have a custom which should over-ride a law. If Hongkong were like Macao, which had an existence of several hundred years, and if there was found in it a custom already in vogue before its becoming a Colony, then there might be grounds for establishing a custom which would over-ride the law. Hetherington gave the definition of the word custom from a law dictionary, and next addressed himself on the evidence of the witnesses called for the defence. He considered three more respectable gentlemen or more competent witnesses, but could not have got together, but their evidence was confined to their own personal experience. They did not prove any universal custom, and one had said that such was his own practice only.

ATTEMPTED INCENDIARISM AT THE U.S. CONSULATE-GENERAL AT SHANGHAI.

On Thursday evening about a quarter past eight, the watchman at the U.S. Consulate-General discovered flames issuing from the upper part of a window in the stationery room. He immediately gave an alarm, and the garter hastened to his assistance, and got into the room. Fortunately the flames had not taken firm hold, and water being at hand, they were extinguished before much damage was done. Examination showed that the fire was beyond doubt the work of an incendiary. Some newspapers had been torn into strips, and with a pasteboard box, placed on a deal form on which a quantity of other paper was also put, while close by was a raim of coarse wrapping paper and many more packages, altogether forming materials for an extensive blaze, which, but for being discovered and checked in time, would have speedily communicated with the building itself. As it was, the loss was slight, and the damage

to the gall on Tuesday afternoon; but happily, as yet, no news of any disaster to foreign vessels, accompanied with loss of life, has reached us. The *Ping-on*, on her passage from Nagasaki, has been disabled; and from what we could learn last evening she seems to have experienced the full force of the storm. Yesterday morning, the *Flyer*, from Hongkong, which escaped the violence of the gale by anchoring for the night in the Haian Straits, was signalled by the *Ping-on*, which reported that her rudder was gone, that she had only one anchor, that her windlass was torn out, and that she was making a great deal of water.

Captain Crook, the master of the *Flyer*, steamed towards her and took her in tow, arriving safely below the shipping, about six o'clock last evening. This is the only serious disaster reported. Contrary to expectation, the P. and O. steamer *Peking* missed the gale almost entirely; her officers saw it ahead, steam was slowed down, and the wind had spent its force before reaching her. The *Chintung* experienced the gale North of Shweishan. She hove to for the night, and rode out the storm without damage. The *Fungshun*, bound North, is said to have behaved in a similar manner about the same place. The sailing vessel *Amadis* is reported to have met the force of the gale off the Faddies, and sustained such damage as to necessitate her return to Woosung, where repairs were effected. The *Hiroshima Maru* was lying in Nagasaki at the time the gale was at its height here, and reports that it was not felt there; all she experienced was a rather strong southerly swell.—N. C. D. News.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MISSING MAIL FOR AMOY.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, 13th July, 1877.

Sir,—With regard to *A Victim's* letter of the 9th instant, will you allow me a few lines space to express my sincere regret for the vexatious detention of the Amoy Mail referred to. The *Holyrood* was duly notified by her Agents to start for Taiwan and Amoy, but a clerical error in this office made this *Amoy and Taiwan*. During the pressure of an exceedingly busy day (Saturday, June 30th, English Mail day), the outward English Mail was put on board the *Holyrood* under the idea that she was going to Amoy direct. I fear it will be but little consolation to your correspondent to know that due notice has been taken of the error and that measures have been adopted to guard against its recurrence.

It should not be overlooked that when a direct steamer for any of the Coast Ports arrives before the regular Coast packet, if only by a few hours, there is immediate complaint if the mail have not been sent direct. It is not always easy to predict which steamer will arrive first.

I have, &c.,

ALFRED LISTER,
P. M. G.

China.
Amoy.

July 3d.

We are said to have an epidemic of cholera, and undoubtedly have had one among the Chinese; but the danger is, I trust, now over. A Japanese, a Malay and a Marine of the *Hornet* are the only foreign deaths, but precautions are being generally adopted on the prevention better than cure principle, and I hope we shall hear of no more. For news, it is too hot for there to be any; we pant and wait for winter.—N. C. D. News.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

H.B.M.'s corvette *Juno*, from Hongkong, anchored at Woosung yesterday (July 4th), and the steamer *Galleon of Lorne*, from Hankow, also arrived there. There are now no ocean-going steamers at Hankow.

The American residents here celebrated "the glorious fourth" yesterday, in accordance with usual custom. The two American war-vessels in port, the *Wheelock* and *Palos*, together with the English gunboat *Kestrel*, the Chinese Customs cruiser *Kuang-hai*, and several mercantile vessels of different nationalities displayed holiday bunting; but no salutes were fired, none of the vessels being entitled to honour the occasion, each carrying less than ten guns.

At noon, a goodly number of Americans assembled at the offices of the Consulate-General, and heard the Declaration of Independence read by Mr O. Bradford; and for the observance of this rule he was cordially thanked, on the motion of Dr. W. C. Eastlack. In the evening a display of fireworks took place—bombs, rockets and crackers being discharged in quick succession, but we regret to say that a Chinaman was struck on the head by one of the rockets and severely injured. He was removed to the Hospital. The accident, we are informed, resulted from the man's own carelessness in crossing the line of fire.—At the Consulate-General, Mr O. Bradford received a goodly number of citizens, among whom were many ladies.—The Astor House Hotel was brilliantly illuminated, and altogether the day was observed with the usual spirit.

The unfortunate Chinaman who was accidentally struck on the head by a skyrocket during the 4th of July celebrations, died this night. The rocket struck the deceased's temple, fracturing the bone.

The accounts of the North-China Insurance Company to the 30th June, show a balance in hand of Tls. 90,000 on 1875 account, besides Tls. 102,000 at reserve, and Tls. 119,284 on 1876 account, besides Tls. 92,000 at reserve.

(Courier.)

Private telegrams which are being received almost hourly from London tell a depressing tale about the fate of the first new tea. Some ships are losing 3d. @ 5d. per lb.; sales are almost impossible except at auction, and there is said to be a panic on the market. The crop is considered a very bad one, while importers are pressing sales. Common Congree, which cost 18s. 4d. are reported selling at 11s 4d. @ 5d., and in some instances losing 4d. @ 5d.

Considering that up to date only two steamers have arrived this is certainly alarming news, and presents a strange contrast to the eager fight for tea at Hankow, upon which we ventured to make a few moderate remarks some seven weeks ago. And having, since the opening of the market, sent the poor starving people of Hongkong a large amount of tea, we are now faced with a situation which we have not the privilege of appearing in Court by our officers. The possession of these powers of attorney will, however, get over the difficulty by enabling the Secretaries, in case of need, to join with them in legal proceedings the names of all the Shareholders. The power of attorney has been carefully drawn for this purpose. I do not know that anything in the section respecting the Secretaries requires explanation except Article 21, which allows the Secretaries 7,500 taels annually towards office charges &c. Some years ago, when police fees were generally abandoned by local offices, the Secretaries were allowed half a tael on every risk taken by the Association. Of late years, however, the number of small risks has so greatly increased, that the amount coming to the Secretaries from this source is out of proportion to the premium received by the Association. During the last fiscal year, we received nearly 10,500 taels, and feeling that this is more than was intended when the fee was voted to us, we propose to substitute the fixed sum above mentioned. The saving to the Association will more than pay the Directors' fees. I have already mentioned to you that important changes have been made in the investment of the Association's assets, since the close of the last fiscal year. When, in March last, the Shanghai Steam Navigation Co. went into liquidation, the Secretaries called in the loan of 175,000 taels, secured by stock that Company, and placed the amount in local banks on fixed deposits in the name of the Association. On the 5th of last April, Messrs Russell & Co. further deposited 200,000 taels in local banks to the Association's credit, 175,000 taels of which was intended in satisfaction of the mortgage on the Kechong property. The mortgage deed, however, has not yet been cancelled.

After payment of the dividend declared to-day, the Association's Assets in Investments and cash will be as follows, in round numbers:—

In United States Government Bonds and with Messrs Barings..... Tls. 285,000

Deposited in local Banks..... 475,000

With Russell & Co..... 186,000

With Sundry Agents..... 5,000

Total..... Tls. 537,000

The whole of this amount is at the disposal of any vote which this meeting may choose to pass under the present Articles, but unless you see reasons to the contrary, I would beg to suggest, on the part of the Secretaries, that you pass a resolution later on, authorising the cancellation of the Kechong mortgage on the 5th of last April, and that you empower the Consulting Committee to deal with the balance now in Russell & Co.'s hands as they may deem best, having regard to the

new organization. He then read the motion as follows:—

1. That on and after the 1st day of October, 1877, the present Articles of Agreement be annulled and that the following Articles be substituted thereto.

2. That as soon as practicable after October 1st, 1877, the Secretaries, under instructions from the Board of Directors, shall reduce the capital of the Association to the amount required by the new Articles of Agreement, by making a return to



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For further Particulars, apply to A. LIND, Superintendent, Hongkong, July 2, 1877. jy14

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Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 18th July. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 6 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.

For further Information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central. G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, July 6, 1877. jy17

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Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Spices and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 20th July, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUHEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, July 10, 1877. jy21

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THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, OLD BROAD STREET, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,

WILLIAM HUNT,

Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street,

LONDON,

1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE CO.

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LONDON,

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